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# Hawkins Leaves Jail in Jackson

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Joe Dan Hawkins of Jackson, charged with the attempted bombing of the home of Meridian Jewish leader Meyer Davidson, was released from jail Wednesday shortly after his bond was reduced to $20,000.

Hawkins, who said he had been in jail under $250,000 bond for most of seven months, appeared before circuit Judge Russel Moore in a habeas corpus hearing. He said he was unemployed and estimated his assets at less than $6,000.

The young Jackson man was charged in the same bomb attempt for which Thomas Albert Tarrants III was tried and convicted. Hawkins was indicted after officers found the car Tarrants was driving on the night of the bomb attempt was registered to Hawkins. Tarrants later testified he had bought the car from Hawkins.